



PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
T. Kleinwaechter ) Examiner: M. Foster  
Serial No.: 10/615,311 ) Art Unit: 3731  
Filed: July 7, 2003 )

For: **SURGICAL SAW BLADE**

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## AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2006. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.



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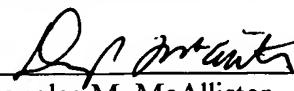
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### ENCLOSURE(S):

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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0625.

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